# GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
# INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING
# LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1640
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VARIATION IN ENTERTAINMENT TAX
RAJO SINGH

**Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:**

(a) whether there is no uniformity in the entertainment tax rates in the country;

(b) if so, whether the Government propose to bring uniformity in the said rates in consultation with the State Governments; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

## Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI RAVI SHANKAR PRASAD)

(a) Yes, Sir. Entertainment Tax is a State subject and the rates vary from State to State.

(b) & (c) With the objective of all round development of film industry, State Governments were inter-alia requested to consider rationalising the rates of Entertainment Tax so that uniform structure prevails in the country. However, no consensus was arrived at in the matter and during the 24th Conference of States and Union Territory Ministers of Information held in New Delhi on21.1.2001, it was decided to set up a Committee for Development of Entertainment sector, to suggest the policy framework both at the Centre and in the States for realising the potential of the Entertainment Sector. One of the issues discussed in this Committee was the question of rationalizing Entertainment Tax Rates. As a result of the deliberations in the Committee, it has been decided to recommend that all States/ Union Territory administrations fix a ceiling of 60% on entertainment tax. The recommendations of the Committee have been circulated to all States/ UT Administrations for obtaining their views.